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Commerce Boulevard Sidewalk Reopens for Pedestrian Traffic

Rohnert Park – The portion of Commerce Boulevard that runs beneath U.S. Route 101 in Rohnert Park is now open to pedestrian traffic, Caltrans announced today.

The segment was closed on August 1 to enable construction crews to demolish the remainder of the old overpass without endangering the traveling public. This morning, crews determined they had progressed far enough to safely open the sidewalk. Pedestrians and bicyclists may now use the sidewalk to cross from one end of town to the other. However, the segment will remain closed to vehicular traffic until the evening of August 12.

The closure is part of an ongoing project to upgrade U.S. Route 101 through Rohnert Park. Two new lanes, one northbound and one southbound, are being built. When finished, both lanes will function as High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes, commonly known as car-pool lanes or "Diamond Lanes." In addition, the Wilfred Avenue/Golf Course Drive interchange will be upgraded with new on and off ramps, and a new, straight road is being built beneath the highway, connecting Wilfred to Golf Course. More details about the project can be found on our web page, at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/wilfredave/>

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